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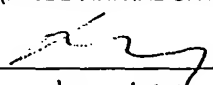
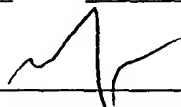
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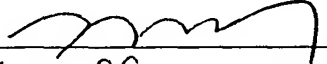
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Applicants: Larry R. Daudet et al

For: FLOOR JOIST AND SUPPORT SYSTEM THEREFOR

Serial No.: 09/199,661

Filed: November 25, 1998

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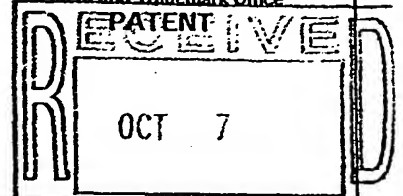
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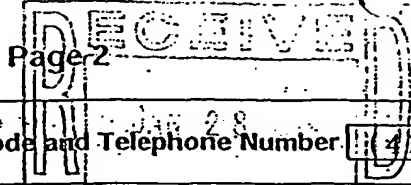
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